

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117
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A RESOLUTION to commend the Republic of China (Taiwan) on its contributions to world peace, freedom, and human rights and to support its efforts towards the peace and stability of the Asian Pacific region.

WHEREAS, the Republic of China and the United States of America are friends and long-standing allies; both dearly cherish and commonly share the values and ideals of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China has distinguished itself in the areas of education, economy, and democratization; it is the world's 19th largest economy, the United States' 8th largest trading partner, and the 5th largest market for the United States' agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and Taiwan have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial Sister-State relationship since 1980 with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, the 23 million people in Taiwan are hardworking and caring people who have been compassionately assisting needy people of many countries in the areas of humanitarian relief, medical assistance, and technical cooperation in a wide variety of ways; and

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WHEREAS, people in Taiwan are peace-loving and entitled to the basic right of living free from fear; and

WHEREAS, the Taiwan Strait is an indispensable water passage serving as an essential economic lifeline between the East Asian and Southeast Asian regions, and its peace and stability are vital to that of the Asian Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the threat of the use of force against Taiwan in any form — including the deployment of missiles aimed at Taiwan along the coastal line of the strait is a menace to the peace and stability of this region and should not be tolerated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) towards the peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait and the Asian Pacific region are to be commended and supported.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives are authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Maggie Tien, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.